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SUBJECT: NOTES ON PLO ACTIVITIES

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE ME SERVANT TOLD US
NOVEMBER 12 THAT THE PLO HAS NOT YET NOMINATED ANYONE TO
HEAD THE INFORMATION AND LIAISON OFFICE THE GOF RECENTLY
AUTHORIZED TO OPEN HERE. THE PLO SPOKESMAN IN PARIS,
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IZ AL-DIN AL-QALAK, EXPECTS TO LEAVE WHEN AN OFFICE

CHIEF IS CHOSEN. QALAK HOPES TO BE NAMED HEAD OF THE PLO OFFICE IN NEW YORK, SERVANT SAID. THE PLO HAS NOT YET SET UP NEW HEADQUARTERS HERE AND APPEARS TO BE IN NO HURRY TO DO SO, AN ATTITUDE WHICH SUITS THE FRENCH JUST FINE, SERVANT ADDED.

2. SERVANT CONFIRMED THAT GISCARD SHOOK HANDS (BUT ONLY THAT) WITH QALAK AT A RECEPTION GIVEN DURING THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT VISIT TO TUNISIA. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT LOWER-RANKING MEMBERS OF GISCARD'S SUITE HELD CONVERSATIONS THERE WITH (UNSPECIFIED) PLO REPRESENTATIVES. SERVANT SAID HE WAS "QUITE SURE" THAT A POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN YASSER ARAFAT AND GISCARD DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO EGYPT NEXT MONTH WAS NOT DISCUSSED, PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING. SERVANT AFFIRMED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE (AND HE THOUGHT HE WOULD KNOW IF SUCH PLANS EXISTED), GISCARD DOES NOT INTEND TO MEET ARAFAT ANYWHERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. TOUCHING ON PLO ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE, SERVANT SAID QALAK TOLD HIM THAT THE PLO HAD SUBMITTED THE NAMES OF TWO PERSONS TO HEAD THE PLO MOSCOW OFFICE. THE SOVIETS REFUSED BOTH MEN ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE NOT AT A SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL. SERVANT SPECULATED THAT SOVIET MOTIVATION MIGHT BE THE DESIRE TO AVOID TYING THE USSR TOO CLOSELY TO THE PLO. IN PRACTICE, HE NOTED, THE 15-ODD PLO STAFFERS IN MOSCOW SHOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO HANDLE CURRENT PLO-SOVIET BUSINESS.
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